

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 37

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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2       **WHEREAS**, the United States relies - and will continue to rely for many years - on  
3 gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel, as well as renewable and alternative sources of energy; and

4       **WHEREAS**, in order to fuel our economy, the United States will need more oil and  
5 natural gas while also requiring additional alternative energy sources; and

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7       **WHEREAS**, the United States currently depends on foreign imports for more than  
8 half of its petroleum usage and is the largest consumer of petroleum in the world. United  
9 States dependence on overseas oil has created difficult geopolitical relationships with  
10 potentially damaging consequences for our national security; and

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12       **WHEREAS**, oil deposits in the Bakken Reserves of Montana, North Dakota, and  
13 South Dakota are an increasingly important crude oil resource, with an estimated 11 billion  
14 barrels of recoverable crude oil. There is not enough pipeline capacity for crude oil supplies  
15 from Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oklahoma, and Texas to American refineries;  
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18       **WHEREAS**, Canadian oil reserves contain an estimated 173 billion barrels of  
19 recoverable oil. Canada is the single largest supplier of oil to the United States at 2.62  
20 million barrels per day and has the capacity to significantly increase that rate; and

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22       **WHEREAS**, the original Keystone Pipeline which spans across the northern part of  
23 Missouri supplies over 435,000 barrels of North American crude oil to American refineries in  
24 the Midwest. The Keystone XL Pipeline will, when completed, carry 700,000 barrels of  
25 North American crude oil to American refineries in the Gulf Coast region; and

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27       **WHEREAS**, construction of pipelines linking North American energy to the United  
28 States will create hundreds of thousands of jobs nationwide, including tens of thousands in

29 construction and manufacturing, creating billions in economic growth and generating  
30 millions of dollars worth of government receipts; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, a recent study by the United States Department of Energy found that  
33 increasing delivery of crude oil from Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Alberta,  
34 Canada, as well as Texas and Oklahoma to American refineries has the potential to  
35 substantially reduce our country's dependency on sources outside of North America; and

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37 **WHEREAS**, Canada sends more than 99% of its oil exports to the United States, the  
38 bulk of which goes to Midwestern refineries. Oil companies are investing huge sums to  
39 expand and upgrade refineries in the Midwest and elsewhere to make gasoline and other  
40 refined products from Canadian oil derived from oil sands. The expansion and upgrade  
41 projects have and will create many new construction jobs over the next five years and will  
42 add to the gross product of Missouri; and

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44 **WHEREAS**, 99% of the money used to buy Canadian oil will likely later be spent  
45 directly on United States goods and services, in contrast with increasing the trade relationship  
46 with unstable regions. Supporting the continued shift towards reliable and secure sources of  
47 North American oil is of vital interest to the United States and the State of Missouri:

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49 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
50 Representatives of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate  
51 concurring therein, hereby strongly:

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53 (1) Support continued and increased development and delivery of oil derived from  
54 North American oil reserves to American refineries;

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56 (2) Urge the United States Congress to support continued and increased development  
57 and delivery of oil from Canada to the United States; and

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59 (3) Urge the United States Congress to enact legislation deeming the Keystone XL  
60 Pipeline to be in the national interest of the United States; and

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62           (4) Urge the United States Secretary of State to approve the Keystone XL pipeline  
63 project to ensure America's oil independence, improve our national security, reduce the cost  
64 of gasoline, create new jobs, and strengthen ties between the United States and Canada; and

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66           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
67 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the  
68 President of the United States, the President Pro Tem of the United States Senate, the  
69 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Missouri  
70 Congressional delegation.

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